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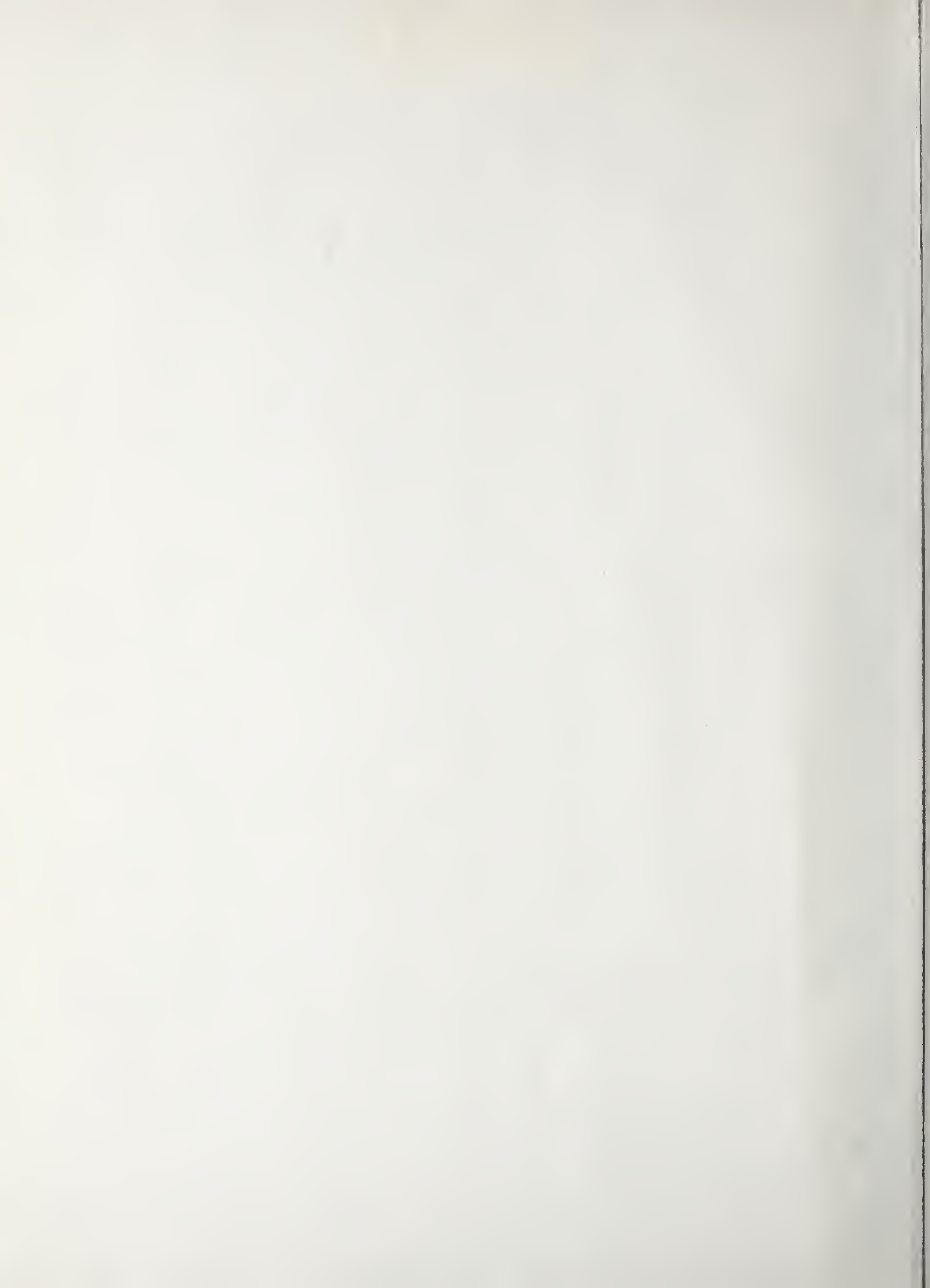
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Introduction

This history has been compiled partly from census schedules and tombstone records and partly from information gathered over a period of years from various members of the family, chiefly my mother and grandmother. For most of this latter, I have notes made soon after the information was given. In all cases I have cited the authority.

This account is brief but includes all I have at present. Because it is written as a family history rather than as a genealogy, I have numbered so as to keep families together not generations. If ever enough research is done to justify publication of this material, it should be rearranged and numbered to keep generations together, since this is the accepted practice among genealogists.

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Chapter I

The Abram Wyant Family

1. Abram (Abraham) Wyant (Wiant) was born, probably in Virginia, on February 15, 1796, died May 7, 1878, and is buried in the Wyant Cemetery, a family cemetery, which is located about three miles southeast of Colfax, Indiana, in a field. I visited it in September 1949 and found the graves of Abram Wyant, and his wife Comfort Ann, and several other members of the family.^a Abram's and Comfort Ann's tombstone is a rather low square stone and the inscriptions, very clear, are as follows:

Abraham
Wiant Sr
Died
May 7, 1878
Aged
82 Y 2 M 22 D

Comfort
Wife of
A. Wiant Sr
Died
Feb. 25, 1874
Aged 72 Y

A picture of Abram is in the Conrad Scrapbook and I have a daguerreotype of Comfort Ann.

Abram Wyant married Comfort Ann Bennett. She was born, probably in Kentucky, in 1802 (approx), died Feb. 25, 1874, and is buried in the Wyant Cemetery. She was the daughter of Patsy Ann Duvall Bennett, but her father's given name is not known. Her family was French, at least her mother's, according to information furnished by my mother but nothing further is known of them. Comfort Ann was a very large woman, weighing about 300 pounds. It was hard for her to get about and as a result she did sewing, weaving and such work while her oldest daughter, Elizabeth did the heavier housework. Elizabeth was my grandmother and often told me of this situation and how hard she had to work. Abram and Comfort Ann Wyant were living in Dearborn County, Indiana, in October 1820 when their daughter Elizabeth was born and remained there for about ten years, when they moved to Boone County, Indiana. They lived on a farm between Thorntown and Colfax. The Wyant Cemetery is near the farm where they lived.^c

Children:

- 1.1 Elizabeth
- 1.2 John J. (1)
- 1.3 Margaret (Peggy)
- 1.4 William Henry
- 1.5 Abram (Abraham)
- 1.6 Patsy Ann
- 1.7 Robert L (T)
- 1.8 Sarah Jane
- 1.9 Mary E

My grandmother, Elizabeth, always said she was the oldest of nine children. The order as given here was determined from census records.

1.1 Elizabeth Wyant was born October 1, 1820 in Dearborn County, Indiana, died June 18, 1906 in the country near Darlington, Indiana, and is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Darlington.^a She married Thompson Conrad. They were my grandparents and further information about them will be found in the History of the Joseph Conrad Family, which I have prepared.

1.2 John J. (I) Wyant (Wiant) was born in Dearborn County about 1823, at least between 1820 and 1825. Date of his death is not known nor the place of his burial. But he was living in Boone County in 1870.^b

Apparently his first wife was Julia B. A. Wyant who was born in Virginia September 18, 1828, died September 23, 1853, and was buried in the Wyant Cemetery. Their children were: Robert L., born 1848; Margaret E. (Elizabeth), born 1851; and Hiram, born 1852, died September 28, 1853, buried in Wyant Cemetery.

Then he married Susan M _____ who was born in Tennessee in 1836. Their children were: Eliza J., born November 25, 1854, died September 11, 1856, buried Wyant Cemetery; Comfort A., born October 1856, died November 7, 1857, buried Wyant Cemetery; Sarah A., born 1858; Mary C., born 1859; William, born 1862; Naomi E., born 1864; Mehala, born 1865; Easter M., born 1867, and Edna, born 1869.^{a, b}

According to my mother, his wife was Easter Bundy, so she might have been his third wife. My mother also told me the family lived in or near Thorntown and later moved to Missouri.

1.3 Margaret (Peggy) Wyant, was born March 15, 1825 in Dearborn County, Indiana, died February 12, 1876 and was buried in the Wyant Cemetery. She was the wife of George Bundy, who was born in Tennessee in 1826. The family lived around Thorntown and Bowers Station except for John Henry who lived in or near Colfax, ^{a, b}

Children:^b

- 1.31 John Henry
- 1.32 Abraham D.
- 1.33 Margaret J.
- 1.34 Comfort Ann
- Elizabeth M. (Minnie E.), born 1854.
- George W., born 1856
- Joseph, born June 15, 1858, died February 17, 1859, buried Wyant Cemetery.
- Albert L. (Allen), born 1860.
- Clara A., born 1864
- Mary E., born March 8, 1865, died October 16, 1868, buried Wyant Cemetery.^a
- Thomas J., born September 13, 1869, died October 15, 1870, buried Wyant Cemetery.^a

1.31 John Henry Bundy was born in 1846. His wife was Charlotte Ellen who was born June 22, 1844, died April 29, 1883, and was buried in the Wyant Cemetery. The family lived in or near Colfax, Indiana, but nothing is known about their children.

1.32 Abraham D. (Abe) Bundy was born about 1848 in Indiana. His wife was Rosett who was born in Pennsylvania in 1848. Their children were William (Bill), born 1869^b, and George, birthdate not known.^o

1.33 Margaret J. Bundy was born in 1850 and married a Haggard. An Easter M. Bundy, born 1869 in Illinois, is listed with Margaret in the 1870 Boone County census and might be her daughter, at least a member of the family.^b

1.34 Comfort Ann Bundy was born in 1852 and died about 1940. She married a Buzzard and had one child, Lena. Lena married an Isenbarger and had two children, Pearl who married a Bryant, and Will, who married Roma Bundy and had three or four children. Lena Buzzard later married a Coony and had a daughter Mamie who lived in Indianapolis, Ind. Lena and Pearl are both dead, but I have no dates or places of burial.^c

1.4 William Henry Wyant was born in 1827, probably in Dearborn County. His wife's name was Catherine and they lived in or near Michigantown, Indiana.^c Their children were: Mary E., born 1855; John A., born 1857; Margaret, born 1860; Catherine, born 1862; William R., born 1865; and Susan, born 1869, all in Indiana except Margaret whose birthplace is given as Illinois.^b

1.5 Abram (Abraham) D. Wyant (Wiant) was born January 3, 1830 in either Dearborn or Boone County, Indiana, died March 27, 1893, was buried in the Wyant Cemetery.^o He lived around Thorntown and also Michigantown.^o A picture of him is in the Conrad Scrapbook.

He is believed to have had three wives. The first was Eliza J., and by her to have had six children: George W., born 1851; William H., born 1852; John W., born 1854; Robert L., born 1857; Mary J., born April 25, 1859, died October 17, 1861, buried Wyant Cemetery; Lydia born 1863. All were born in Indiana.^{a, b} According to my mother, his second wife was Edna Harshberger and they had two children, Lilly and Retta. According to my cousin, Mollie Martz Little, by the third wife, who may have been Sarah Waddell, there were six others: Wesley, Susie, Derry, Hiram, Rose and Goldie.^c

1.6 Patsy Ann Wyant was born in Boone County about 1833.^b She married Nelson Conrad, a brother of Thompson Conrad. Further details regarding her will be found in the History of the Joseph Conrad Family.

1.7 Robert L. (T) Wyant was born August 10, 1836 in Boone County, died November 8, 1861, was buried in the Wyant Cemetery. His wife was Nancy A., born 1836 in Kentucky and they had one son, David N., born 1859. Robert is believed to have been a brother of Elizabeth Wyant, my grandmother, though I have no information about him from her or from my mother.^{a, b}

1.8 Sarah Jane Wyant was born in 1840 in Boone County,^b She married a Bundy and had one son, Elcanie, born 1858. Later she married a Shelley.^c

1.9 Mary E. Wyant is, I feel sure, the baby Eliza my grandmother spoke of so many times. In the Wyant Cemetery I found a small tombstone with this inscription.

Mary E.
Daughter of
A & C Wyant
Died
Sept. 17, 1845
Aged 7 Mo &
1 Day

Chapter II

Other Wyants

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1. Isaac Wyant was a brother of Abram. In the Conrad Scrapbook there is a picture of him and his wife. As I recall, he was known as "Devil Ike". In the Wyant Cemetery is a stone which may be his:

Isaac Wyant
Died
Ja. 3, 1861
Aged

(Rest of stone broken up)

2. William Wyant. Also in the Wyant Cemetery is a stone which reads as follows:

William
Wyant
Died
Sept. 20, 1833
Aged
49 Y 8 M 26 D

This would make his birthdate December 25, 1783. He could have been a brother of Abram Wyant.

3. Elizabeth Wyant. Another tombstone there reads:

Elizabeth
Wyant
Died
Feb. 7, 1867
Aged
73 Y 11 M 26 D

This would make her date of birth February 10, 1793. She could have been a sister or sister-in-law of Abram.

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c. Information about the family given me by my grandmother, Elizabeth Wyant Conrad, my mother, Alice Conrad Appleby and my cousin, Mollie Martz Little. It is for the most part contained in notes I made during numerous conversations on the subject, although some is from memory and personal knowledge.

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